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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jefferson A. Evans

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/28/03</u>   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.                                    |

Claims 1 to 3 are pending.

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 1 – paragraph 0001, the reference to a related application should be updated to include the serial number of the related application. Reference numeral 180, shown in figure 6 for example, does not appear to be referred to in the specification.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record, Mei (U.S. 6,757,137) discloses (note figures 3A-3C in particular) an integrated lead suspension comprising: a load beam 10; a flexure 30 having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis that is transverse to the longitudinal axis, side extants 44,46 which can be considered flexure legs and that are spaced apart from the longitudinal axis at a flexure leg distance measured between the longitudinal axis and the flexure legs, and a tongue 34 for providing a mechanical support structure; outrigger leads 104,105 mounted to the flexure for carrying electrical signals, each of the outrigger leads being laterally spaced apart from the longitudinal axis at an outrigger distance that is greater than the flexure leg distance, thereby defining said each of the

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outrigger leads as being completely laterally outboard of the flexure legs; a slider 25 mounted to the tongue of the flexure such that electrical contact is established between the slider and the outrigger leads, the slider having a head mounted thereto for reading data from and writing data to the recording medium; and the outrigger leads and flexure are bent to define a pitch static attitude of the slider (note figure 3C which shows the bends in question). What Mei does not disclose or suggest is having both the outrigger leads and the flexure legs bent so as to define the pitch static attitude.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferson A. Evans whose telephone number is 571-272-7574. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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